

## **Talk with ADE**

Friday, November 19, 2004  
Southwest Human Development  
10:00 a.m.

- ✓ Welcome by Joanne Phillips
- ✓ Joanne presented a preliminary review of key items on HR 1350 v IDEA
  - Discipline-when change in educational placement is made, burden is on parent to appeal decision
  - Highly Qualified Teachers (HQT)
  - RTI-Disproportionality
  - IEP meetings may not be necessary for minor changes; can be made using conference calls or writing amendments
  - Mediation
  - Attorney's Fees/Frivolous Law Suits-awards made to SEA or LEA
  - Private Schools-Direct Services
  - Paperwork Reduction-15 state pilot program
  - Part C to Kindergarten (state-by-state option; AZ probably will not do)

Next steps – Vote by full House and Senate then to the President

No sweeping changes – mostly tweaking of existing law

- ✓ ADE has been approached by DDD regarding a proposal with CMS to create a waiver on Birth-5 children who are special education eligible without meeting AHCCCS eligibility criteria for Medicaid reimbursements
- ✓ The AG's opinion on Graduation/Diplomas is not in yet; continue to follow current Board Rules
- ✓ Open Discussion
  - SEAA/CASE review of rubric for HQT requirements for certification
    - If instruction is being provided at middle school/high school grade level, teacher must be HQT
  - SCD definition determines who is eligible to take AIMS-A
    - 1% cap = SCD by definition and eligibility criteria
    - Districts can grant school waiver requests
  - AIMS graduation requirement goes into affect January 1, 2006
  - Out-of-Level testing is not available for AIMS testing this year

- Non-standard accommodations are available for SPED students only and should be the same as those used in day-to-day teaching; list being developed that will be posted to ESS website
- Standard accommodations can be used by any student
- On-site Monitoring – Title I and ESS have been testing monitoring both areas at one time. Contact Bobbie Orlando (TI 602-542-4392) or Lynn Busenbark (ESS 602-542-4831) if you have questions/concerns regarding the dual monitoring process.
- A team has been put together in ESS that is now monitoring Approved Private Schools.
- A SPED memo (SPED 04-19) was issued 9/16/04 regarding the release of student information for Medicaid reimbursement (FERPA v HIPPA confidentiality).

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.